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NAVAL HOSPITAL TWENTYNINE PALMS INSTRUCTION 6250.1B

From: Commanding Officer

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PEST SURVEYS

Ref: (a) NAVMED P-5010, Chapter 2
(b) NAVMED P-5010, Chapter 8

1. Purpose. To publish standard policies and establish responsibilities for pest control within the Naval Hospital, Twentynine Palms and outlying buildings as required by references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. NAVHOSP29PALMSINST 6250.1A.

3. Background. Hospital personnel have a responsibility to maintain a clean, pest and disease free environment for both patients and staff. This requires more than routine environmental health surveys. Hospital personnel must avoid introducing pests and substances that attract pests, as well as removing possible shelters for pests. Food attracts pests and, if work spaces are kept food-free, insects and other pest populations can be kept to a minimum. Personnel in food service areas and wards have to be especially attentive. Microwave ovens should also be cleaned after each use.

4. Action

a. Commanding Officer shall ensure all aspects of an effective environmental health program are being conducted through the Head, Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine (OH/PM) Department.

b. Head, Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine Department shall:

(1) Ensure pest surveys of the hospital spaces are conducted at least monthly to determine when and where pesticide application may be needed and identify other measures which may be used instead of chemical application

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(2) Recommend to the Commanding Officer, designated staff eating and snack areas:

(a) Galley

(b) Patio

(3) Report to the Commanding Officer any conditions which require immediate attention.

(4) Provide the Commanding Officer with monthly Environmental Health and Pest Survey reports.

(5) Report pest infestations to the Combat Center Pest Control Shop and report their resolution to the Commanding Officer.

c. Department Heads shall:

(1) Ensure that office spaces are kept clean and free of food debris.

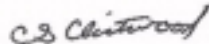
(2) Ensure routine cleaning is conducted so that potential pest shelters such as cardboard boxes and trash are kept closed.

(3) Ensure windows and doors, which are not screened, are kept closed.

(4) Report pest infestations to the Head, Preventive Medicine and Occupational Health, who will report infestations to the Center Pest Control Shop.

d. Ward personnel shall check carefully at the end of each meal to ensure that food debris is immediately removed and ward spaces remain clean at all times.

5. Applicability. This instruction is applicable to all personnel aboard Naval Hospital, Twentynine Palms, California.



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Distribution:
List A